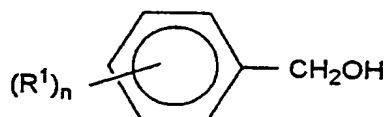


Abstract

PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ω -BENZYL ESTERS OF AMINO DIACIDS AND OF ALKANESULPHONATES OF THESE ESTERS, AND THESE ALKANESULPHONATES

The invention relates to a process for the preparation of an ω -benzyl ester of an amino diacid, characterized in that the amino diacid is reacted with a benzyl alcohol derivative of formula (I)



in which the R^1 substituent or substituents, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom, a C_1 to C_4 alkyl group, a C_1 to C_4 alkoxy group or a halogen atom and n is equal to 1, 2 or 3,

in the presence of at least one mol per mole of the amino diacid of an alkanesulphonic acid, optionally in the presence of a solvent.

The intermediate alkanesulphonates of the ω -benzyl esters of amino diacids and the ω -benzyl esters of amino diacids are obtained with a good yield and an excellent purity by virtue of this process.